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Applicant bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee(s)/Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,548,379	Marketing Displays, Inc. (Seely et al.)	10/22/85
4,593,879	Marketing Displays, Inc. (Seely et al.)	6/10/86
4,694,601	Dicke Tool Company (Dicke et al.)	9/22/87
4,888,894	Brown, Jr.	12/26/89
4,954,008	Dicke et al.	9/4/90

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5,340,068	Marketing Displays, Inc. (Sarkisian et al.)	8/23/94
6,315,253 B1	Dicke Tool Company (Dicke et al.)	11/13/01

Non Patent Literature Documents

Materials Describing a Bone Safety Signs Sign Stand Leg. Six (6) figures comprising photographs provided by applicant of a commercially available sign stand leg, which is admittedly prior art with respect to applicants claimed invention.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner accept and consider the above documents and make them of record in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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